

CJCS 091 Germany (3 Apr 59)

DATE 12-8-59
CM-320-59
3 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL TAYLOR *CM 2+3*
ADMIRAL BURKE *" 4+5*
GENERAL WHITE *" 6+7*
GENERAL PATE *" 8+9*

Subject: Increased Readiness of NORAD Forces

1. I have this date discussed with General Foulkes the desirability of obtaining agreement between the United States and Canadian Governments on advance authorization to increase NORAD's readiness in event the Western Allies are denied access to Berlin.

2. In furtherance of the foregoing action, your telephone concurrence in Enclosures "A", "B" and "C" hereto is requested.

N. F. TWINING
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

CY. 1 CM-file

file

*Copy 10 of 10 copies to be
distributed to all states*

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Increased Readiness of NORAD Forces (U)

1. Because of the increase in East-West tensions generated by the current Berlin situation, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are taking measures to insure that our military forces are properly prepared. The denial to the West of access to Berlin could cause political tensions to increase rapidly, making it necessary that we achieve a maximum degree of combat readiness. In this event, time could be a critical factor. One measure we should take now is to obtain advance authorization from the Canadian Government to increase the operational readiness of NORAD's forces, should we be denied access to Berlin.

2. It was agreed at the Paris meeting of the United States - Canada Joint Defense Committee in December 1958, that parallel approaches through military and diplomatic channels would be made on proposals to direct CINCINORAD to increase the operational readiness of his forces.

3. Accordingly, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have initiated military consultation on this matter with the Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee through their Chairman. It is requested that you initiate action with the Department of State to approach the Canadian Government to obtain advance authorization to increase NORAD's readiness in the event we are denied access to Berlin.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

N. F. TWining
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR CANADIAN CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

Subject: Increased Operational Readiness of NORAD Forces

1. Because of the increase in East-West tensions generated by the current Berlin situation, the U.S. has taken certain precautionary measures to insure an appropriate degree of readiness on the part of its military forces. Should the West be denied access to Berlin, political tensions could increase rapidly to a degree which would make it necessary that we achieve maximum operational readiness of our military forces. Since time could be a critical factor, we recommend that our governments grant advance authorization to increase the operational readiness of our NORAD forces in the event the West is denied access to Berlin.
2. In accordance with the agreement reached at the Paris meeting of the United States - Canada Joint Defense Committee, in December 1958, that parallel approaches would be made through military and diplomatic channels on proposals to increase the NORAD readiness status, action is being initiated through the United States Department of State to the political authorities of Canada for consultation before the fact.
3. After our governments agree on this matter, it is proposed that a message be dispatched by the Chiefs of Staff to CINCNORAD essentially as enclosed.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

N. F. TWining
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

ENCLOSURE "C"

DRAFT

MESSAGE TO CINCNORAD

In the event the West is denied access to Berlin, the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Canadian Chiefs of Staff desire that you place all NORAD forces in "air defense readiness" as defined in NORAD Reg. 55-3.

You will be kept informed on the Berlin situation.